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St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Families,

This week we have been learning about night time and animals that are nocturnal, particularly owls. Alongside this, we have been making many fantastic pieces of artwork, related to owls and also fireworks as so many of the children were very excited to tell us about their experiences of fireworks over bonfire weekend. A real highlight to the week has been baking “firework biscuits”!

In class, we have read ‘Owl Babies’ and ‘The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.’ We have used these books to discuss how we feel at night, what we might see at night that we do not see during the day and we have used them to discuss the word ‘nocturnal.’ Throughout the week, the children have made owl puppets so that they can use them to retell the stories we have been reading, they have made some fantastic owls of their own, using feathers and egg boxes and they have also been using the small world to look at nocturnal animals.

In Maths, we have been focusing on shape: circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. The children have been working hard to count sides and corners to help make comparisons between the shapes they have been learning about and they have also been discussing the differences too. We have been using NumberBlocks to support and consolidate this week's maths learning.

Notices for the week:

- **Wednesday 16th November 2:30pm - phonics workshop.** We would love to see you there.
- Now that the children have reading diaries, please can you record 3 reading sessions per week, even if it's just looking at the pictures.
- On **Friday 25th November**, the children will be having a class birthday party! They can come to school dressed in party clothes, instead of PE kits. We will also provide a sign up list asking you to bring in party food - more information to follow.
- We would really encourage the children to bring a bag to school each day so that they can bring home their work and any letters that may be handed out.
- Nativity costume letters are in their bookbags!
- Please feel free to use the wallets that were handed out (with phonics sheets in) as a tool for learning. These are wipeable so you can use a whiteboard pen on them and it rubs right off. This was very kindly suggested to us by a parent.

Optional home learning:

Please continue to use the phonics sheets that were handed out.

This week the children have shown a real interest in fireworks and the sounds that they make. We have been using their interest to teach some phonics. You could ask your child what sounds the fireworks make, such as 'bang, pop and fizz etc' and ask them what phonics sound each word starts with.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King

